

## **Additional items of interest to the community where TASC support could provide insight to Passaic River Proposed Plan**

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### **Resuspension**

One line of discussion out there is the question of impacts from resuspension, and some have suggested dredging more damaging than leaving sediments in place, though this is not the position of the CAG. It would be useful to have some nonbiased information to share with the CAG and community such as:

- Is there a useful way to describe the likely scope of the actual dredging itself and potential impacts from resuspension, etc. and any mitigation proposals by EPA.
- This has been a common issue at all large-scale dredging sites, is there information or materials that have been developed elsewhere that could be useful at Passaic.

### **Economic Impacts**

- Is it possible do a simple assessment of economic benefits from the clean up in terms of possible employment based on similar scale projects- types of jobs, numbers of jobs, other types of indirect economic benefits like local procurement
- Is it possible to do some basic research on best practices to maximize the economic benefits over the course of the project
- What are the likely negative economic impacts during construction from river closures, traffic impacts, etc (also see below mitigation measures)

### **Disruption during Construction and after capping**

Another major area of discussion is the level of impact from the construction on traffic and boating.

- Is there any way to provide an overview of likely disruptions given similar experiences and identify the strategies for minimizing the negative side effects like those that impact traffic, bridges, boating?
- What is the likely level of curtailment of boat traffic during construction, will entire sections be blocked or just one side at a time, again based on how this has been handled elsewhere
- How realistic is the four year timeframe given production rates on similar projects
- What are the identified restrictions to boating in the FS and proposed plan and are these in line with other sites, are there other boating impacts that could occur which are not articulated

### **Duration and Maintenance of the cap**

- Can the cap be expected to last in perpetuity for a tidal river
- What are the realistic long-term maintenance requirements of the cap
- What will be necessary for long-term coordination with local govts, boat clubs, etc to make sure people have the information they need to plan for new activities over time